

USA TO GET DUAL CURRENCY?

Is this an answer to economic woes or a money-laundering deterrent?

On 31st January 1995, Mr Leahy introduced the following Bill to the US Senate. Senate Bill 20 (S20) was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

"A BILL

"To require the Secretary of the Treasury to design and issue new counterfeit-resistant \$100 currency.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

"Section 1. Short Title:

"This Act may be cited as the *Counterfeiting and Money Laundering Deterrence Act of 1995*.

"Section 5123. Counterfeit-resistant \$100 currency

"(a) In General: Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General of the United States and the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, shall design and designate a domestic-use \$100-denomination bill and a nondomestic-use \$100-denomination bill in accordance with the requirements of this section."

(Source: *Newsgroup alt.conspiracy*, via *Pegasus computer networks*, Australia)



IMPLANTS TO HOOK HUMANS INTO COMPUTER NETWORKS

An intriguing article from *Scotland on Sunday* reveals that scientists in the US and Sweden have pioneered a method for grafting neurons to a computer chip.

Research at Stanford University in California has already developed the technology to enable war veterans and other amputees to feel sensation from an artificial limb, by connecting the nerve endings from the lost limb to sensors in the artificial replacement via a computer chip in the back of the neck.

Virtual reality guru Michael Deering, of Sun Microsystems in California, says the ability to 'hot-wire' a human is about to

transform life as we know it.

One by-product of such a technology could be virtual tourism, as portrayed in the Arnold Schwarzenegger film, *Total Recall*.

Brain-to-computer interfacing via infrared signals is just around the corner.

The possibilities are endless.

(Source: *Scotland on Sunday*, 2 April 1995)

NYPD BLEW IT!

America's biggest police force was in disgrace recently, after it emerged that dozens of New York police officers let off fire-extinguishers, cavorted naked and fired their guns during a drunken rampage through several Washington, D.C. hotels.

Hundreds of guests were evacuated from the Hyatt Hotel in the capital after the officers set off fire alarms early in the morning. Earlier, several officers had stripped naked and taken turns sliding down an escalator in the hotel lobby. It is also alleged that several officers harassed and intimidated female guests in their rooms.

The officers, about 200 of whom were involved in the rampage, were in Washington for a memorial service for dead comrades. The weekend binge caused more than US\$30,000 damage.

(Source: *The Guardian Weekly*, 28 May 1995)

EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION CONTROVERSY

The earthquake of magnitude 6.1 in south-western Greece during mid-June, which demolished two buildings and killed 20 people, has added fuel to a fierce scientific debate regarding a controversial method that claims to predict earthquakes by measuring increased electrical activity in the ground.

Panayotis Varotsos of the University of Athens, who developed the technique—known as VAN—accuses Greek seismologists of "playing with people's lives" by denying the scientific validity of his method.

Varotsos says that, using the VAN method, he has correctly predicted the magnitude, timing and location of the three most recent earthquakes in Greece. He has been faxing information on the predicted



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timing and magnitude of each earthquake to 29 seismological institutes worldwide.

While European 'experts' are arguing about the validity of his theory, the Japanese are investing in the VAN technique. The Japan Meteorological Agency has announced that it will spend almost US\$3 million to set up 20 detecting stations in the Kobe area to measure electric currents in the Earth near active faults, with another seven stations for observing magnetic fields.

(Source: *Nature*, vol. 375, 22 June 1995)

EUROPOL'S SECRET PLANS

Fears are growing that Europol, the new European police force, is beginning to resemble a secret intelligence agency. The public is not to be informed about their plans, and is to be discouraged from speculation about them.

A report in the respected German newspaper, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, reveals that although Europol was officially founded in February 1995, there still exists no legal ground, let alone valid justification, for their plans. All discussion on the subject is held behind closed doors.

The article goes on to mention that Europol will gather detailed information on every European citizen, and that Europol is to be independent of any control by law.

(Source: *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, 22 June 1995)

HOSPITAL ERRORS KILLING THOUSANDS PER YEAR

As many as 14,000 people die in Australian hospitals every year through preventable mistakes, ranging from misdiagnosis to being given the wrong drugs, a new study has revealed.

Not only that, between 25,000 and 30,000 patients are left with some degree of serious and permanent disability as a result of such mistakes, according to researchers from the University of Adelaide and the University of Newcastle.

The Australian Hospital Care Study, due for release this August, examined the medical records of 14,179 patients who attended 28 public and private hospitals in NSW and South Australia, and extrapolated the Australia-wide death toll from the data.

With 2.83 million hospital admissions in 1992, 16% had suffered an adverse event, disability or death caused by the health-care worker, not the patient's disease. This makes hospitals the third-largest killer in Australia after heart disease and cancer!

(Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 2 June 1995; *New Scientist*, 10 June 1995)

BREAST-FED BABIES STILL BRAINIER

Brain development and performance in formula-fed babies is enhanced when their diet is supplemented with fish oil, according to a new Australian study.

Researchers at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, conducted clinical trials on babies fed with formula supplemented with DHA, a chief component of breast-milk and a key fatty acid that accumulates in the brain. The babies underwent brain-wave tests using visual stimuli, and performed just as well as breast-fed babies. Previous studies by the team had already established that breast-fed infants have increased brain-wave development and lower incidence of infection and cot death compared with non-breast-fed babies.

The team had been trying to isolate the factors in breast-milk which may affect brain performance, also with a view to improving infant formulas—a cause for concern considering 30% of Australian babies are formula-fed from birth. Only 25% of mothers still breast-feed at six months, and 10% at 12 months—alarming figures when evidence of the benefits of breast-feeding is growing worldwide.

However, a formula to match breast-milk is a long way off. According to chief scientist Dr Bob Gibson, "Just adding DHA won't make it breast-milk." Researchers still have to find a way to add DHA to make it more stable and affordable.

(Source: *The Weekend Australian*, 22-23 April 1995)

EARTH WARMING OR COOLING?

The world's temperatures continued to fall on a ten-year average, according to monitors at the University of Alabama in the United States.

In an apparent contradiction of "global warming", latest figures released last month showed the global temperature trend for the month of May since 1979 amounted to minus 0.06 degrees per decade.

But April was still the warmest month (seasonally adjusted) since June 1991, when the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines caused a 30-month global 'chill'.

Meanwhile in Utrecht in the Netherlands, researchers have dug a little deeper into history and discovered no major change in the really big picture.

According to Gerard Versteegh of the Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, the main factors influencing the world's climate have not changed significantly for the past 2.5 million years.

This does not mean that nothing has changed in all those years, but rather that the same changes have been happening all the time.

(Source: *The Sunday Mail*, 9 July 1995)

BBC CREW CAUGHT FAKING

A BBC documentary crew has been recalled from Italy by senior managers to answer charges that it faked scenes of urban decay for a television documentary.

The team's behaviour caused outrage in the southern city of Reggio di Calabria, where BBC World Service Television was filming a feature about drugs, dispossessed youth, and the Mafia.

Reggio, where one in five is unemployed and the crime rate is high, seemed an ideal location. But when its city fountains, boutiques and litter-free pavements proved a poor representation of urban hell, the TV team reportedly decided to manufacture its own.

Professor Silvio Mavilla, who watched the crew in action, said the "evidence" of drugs consisted of an empty syringe pulled from a cameraman's pocket, and the urban decay was a collection of newspapers which, he said, were also provided by the crew.

(Source: *The Guardian Weekly*, 14-20 June 1995)



WORLD FACING WATER AND FOOD SHORTAGE CRISIS

A recent conference on food, agriculture and environment, called "Vision 2020", has warned that water could become the battleground of the 21st century, with severe shortages emerging in one in every five of the world's countries.

Growing hunger would spark a global refugee crisis, in which tens of millions of people would flood across international borders, the Director-General of the International Food Policy Research Institute, Dr Per Pinstrup-Andersen, said.

The conference held in Washington during June is considered the most important food summit in 30 years.

According to an IFPRI analysis released yesterday, 800 million humans now suffer malnutrition, 1.1 billion live in absolute poverty with incomes less than US\$1 per day, while the number of refugees has risen tenfold in less than 20 years.

Food output has failed to keep pace with population growth in one third of all countries, and almost one quarter of the world's farmlands, pastures and forests are degraded.

The hotspots of degradation are in the Indus, Tigris and Euphrates valleys, the Asian ricebowl, the Himalayan foothills and East African highlands, the lower Amazon basin, and the periurban regions in Mexico and parts of Asia.

Thirty-five countries are expected to face serious or severe water shortages by 2020.

(Source: *The Australian*, 15 June 1995)

VACCINES: MORE ON SEIZURE RISK

British Government researchers have discovered that the DPT (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus), and MMR (measles-mumps-

rubella) vaccines can increase risk of seizure fivefold. Their findings are nearly identical to those made by the American Government last year.

The discovery is deeply embarrassing for a government that was assuring the public last autumn, in one of the largest immunisation programmes ever undertaken, that the measles vaccine was perfectly safe.

The Public Health Laboratory Service Statistics Unit found the measles jab increased seizure-risk five times, while the DPT caused a fourfold increase.

The DPT vaccine caused convulsions in infants less than a year old, usually three days after being given the dose.

(Source: *WDDTY*, vol. 6, no. 2, May 1995)

POLICE SHOOT MILITIA MEMBER

At approximately 2.30 am on 28th June, Mike Hill, an Ohio militia member, was shot and killed as he was driving east of Frazeyburg, Ohio.

According to witnesses, police noticed that in lieu of a state licence plate, he had a home-made plate reading, "Militia Chaplain".

Witnesses said Hill did not make any rapid movements or gestures that could be construed as provocation for the officer to shoot.

After Hill collapsed to the ground, the witnesses pulled away in fear the officer would then kill them for witnessing an outright murder.

(Source: *Newsgroup alt.conspiracy*, via Pegasus computer networks, Australia)

CALL FOR OKLAHOMA BOMB ENQUIRY INTO UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

In a memorandum sent to all Oklahoma

legislators on 27th June 1995, State Rep. Charles Key indicated that he does not think a fertiliser bomb destroyed the OKC federal building. Key is calling for a special House Committee to conduct an independent state investigation.

Rep. Key (9-year R-OKC) said, "I am convinced that the government is not being forthcoming about the kind of bomb(s), the number of explosions, the placement of the explosives and other crucial aspects of the April 19 bombing."

In a interview with *The Daily Oklahoman*, Key said, "I'm convinced that for that building to come down like that, it had to have explosives at the columns to bring it down, or at strategic places. The FBI is saying a truck-bomb drove up and sat out front and blew up." He plans to hold a news conference at 11 am Friday (30th June), where he will bring forward experts who differ with the FBI's explosion findings.

The memo, passed to other state legislator by Key, included a copy of a letter from retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Benton K. Partin, that was originally sent to US Senator Don Nickles (R-OK). The letter received by Nickles' office several weeks ago was passed on to the BATF. The Partin letter contends that "the damage pattern on the reinforced concrete superstructure could not possibly have been attained from the single truck-bomb without supplementing demolition charges at some of the reinforced column bases."

Another witness expected to be at the Key news conference also has stated that the fertiliser diesel bomb couldn't have done the damage.

On 28th June, Sam Cohen, inventor of the neutron bomb, told KFOR-TV on their 10 pm newscast, "I don't care how much fertiliser and fuel oil they used, it would never be enough. Demolition charges placed at key columns did the dirty work."

Rep. Key's interest in the bombing come because one the 168 victims who died was a friend. Diana Day served as his secretary for a year when he was first elected to the legislature nine years ago. "She was a friend of mine and the sister of one of my closest friends," Key said. "As a result of the blast, her 11-year-old son became an orphan."

"About five to six weeks ago, I became aware of explanations for the cause of the mass destruction to the Murrah Federal Building that are contrary to the widely accepted ones reported by the media," Key wrote other legislators in his memo. "As I



began checking out the sources for some of these ideas, I learned that those who are challenging the current bombing explanation are highly credible and have impeccable credentials regarding explosives, munitions and covert intelligence."

(Source: *The Daily Oklahoman*, 28 June 1995; summary of interview with Sam Cohen (inventor of neutron Bomb), KFOR-TV, Oklahoma City (NBC affiliate), 28 June 1995)

DID THE OKLAHOMA REBELLION TRIGGER THE BOMB BLAST?

On 28th March 1994, the Oklahoma State Legislature passed a resolution which struck out at a perceived socialist world government agenda. They were the first and maybe the only state to pass such legislation.

Some extracts follow:

"Resolution No. 1047: 'A Resolution relating to United States military forces and the United Nations; memorializing Congress to cease certain activities concerning the United Nations; and directing distribution'.

"Whereas, the United States is an independent sovereign nation and not a tributary of the United Nations; and

"Whereas there is no popular support for the establishment of a 'new world order' or world sovereignty of any kind either under the United Nations or under any world body in any form of global government; and

"Whereas global government would mean the destruction of our Constitution and corruption of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, our freedom, and our way of life.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 2nd Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature:

"That the United States Congress is hereby memorialized to:

1. Cease the appropriation of United States funds for any military activity not authorized by Congress;
2. Cease engagement in any military activities under the authority of the United Nations or any world body;
3. Cease the rendering of aid to any activity or engagement under the jurisdiction of the United Nations or any world body; and
4. Cease any support for the establishment of a 'new world order' or to any form of global government.

"That the United States Congress is hereby memorialized to refrain from taking any further steps toward the economic or political merger of the United States into a world body or any form of world government."

(Source: *Newsgroup alt.conspiracy*, via Pegasus computer networks, Australia)

THE BRITISH MAY BE SPYING ON YOU

Even today, a World War II intelligence-swapping deal continues to invade the privacy of Americans.

by Alan M. Dershowitz

A recent book by two recognised experts on international spying, John Loftus and Mark Aarons, has disclosed an intelligence scam that should frighten every American who loves liberty and values privacy.

It all began back in the bad old days of J. Edgar Hoover, who was in charge of the FBI from 1924 until his death in 1972. It should come as no surprise to anyone who is familiar with Hoover's sordid history of political blackmail, extortion and personal corruption that the 'hero' after whom FBI headquarters is named would go to any lengths to assemble secret dossiers on Americans who disagreed with him.

During World War II, President Roosevelt allowed British intelligence to establish 'listening posts' within our borders, in exchange for the Brits allowing us the same privilege over there. At war's end, nobody bothered to repeal this handy-dandy arrangement, and Hoover saw a wonderful opportunity to expand his information-gathering.

Together with James Forrestal, the paranoid-schizophrenic Secretary of Defense who eventually jumped to his death from a psychiatric ward, Hoover arranged for British intelligence to bug US citizens in exchange for the FBI bugging British citizens. The intelligence services would then simply swap their information. This clever criss-cross scam assumed increasing significance over the years, as the courts and legislatures made it difficult for the FBI to snoop on Americans in the name of "national security". The FBI responded to these legal restrictions by circumventing them. Hoover simply expanded his 'you spy on mine, I'll spy on yours' deal to other friendly intelligence agencies, and the snooping went on. The key, of course, is that since the spying is done by the foreign intelligence agency allegedly for its own intelligence-gathering purposes, no search warrant is sought, even if the target is an American citizen.

According to the intelligence sources quoted by Loftus and Aarons, this scam persists even in an age when sophisticated electronic monitoring makes it possible for intelligence agencies to tap virtually every phone call, fax and e-mail. The British intelligence personnel have become "a permanent fixture" at the most sophisticated electronic surveillance stations in the United States.

We fought a revolution, in part, to protect against British gendarmes who conducted 'general searches' of homes, persons and effects of the American colonists. And we enacted a Bill of Rights to protect us against warrantless searches and seizures. It is more than ironic that, two centuries after we declared our independence from Great Britain, we are conspiring with the intelligence establishment of that nation to deprive our citizens of a right guaranteed by our Constitution.

The first step must be for Congress to learn exactly what is happening within the deep recesses of our intelligence community. We can no longer allow ourselves to be taken in by this intelligence-exchange criss-cross operation.

The privacy of Americans is too important to be left in the hands of a foreign country. [Alan M. Dershowitz teaches at Harvard Law School and writes a syndicated column.]

(Source: *Los Angeles Times*, 19 May 1995, p. B7)

